

TITLE 10

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Subtitle 38 BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Notice of Final Action

On the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted amendments to Regulation .02 under COMAR 10.38.03 Standards of Practice; Regulation .01 under COMAR 10.38.06 Foreign-Educated Licensure; and Regulations .03, .04, .06, and .08 under COMAR 10.38.08 Continuing Education Requirements. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 34:25 Md.R. 1983 (December 7, 2007), has been adopted as proposed.

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STANDARDS OF PRACTICE REGULATION PROPOSAL

10.38.03

June , 2007

**Authority: Health Occupations Article, Section 13-206. Section 13-309, 13-310**

**.01 Definitions** (text unchanged)

**.02 Standards of Practice**

A. **(1) (2)** (text unchanged)

**(3) The physical therapist may:**

**(a) (text unchanged)**

(b) Decline to carry out **any** evaluation, or treatment [, or both, that has been ordered if **(i)] in the physical therapist's judgment, the evaluation, treatment, or both are contraindicated or unjustified; and**

**(ii) The physical therapist documents notification of the decision to the referring physician.]**

**of a patient who has been referred to the physical therapist by a healthcare practitioner if:**

**(i) in the physical therapist's judgment the evaluation or treatment is contraindicated or unjustified, and**

**(ii) the physical therapist documents the decision in the patient's record.**

## CEU REGULATION PROPOSAL

10.38.08

April, 2007

Authority: Health Occupations Article, Section 13-206 and 13-311  
Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Scope.** (text unchanged)

**.02 Definitions** (text unchanged)

**.03 Continuing Education Requirements**

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Professional education eligible for continuing education credit shall be:
  - (1) *relevant to the practice of physical therapy; and*
  - (2) *directed to a professional audience.*
- C. (text unchanged)
- D. Continuing education courses shall have course materials that include clear and concise written statements of:
  - (1) [Except for courses sponsored by the American Physical Therapy Association, continuing education activities shall be at least 4 contact hours in length;]
    - (1) *Intended learning outcomes;*
    - (2) *Behavioral objectives; and*
    - (3) *Performance objectives.*
  - (2) The course materials shall contain clear and concise written statements of:
    - (a) *Intended learning outcomes;*
    - (b) *Behavioral objectives;*
    - (c) *Performance objectives;*
    - (c) *Performance objectives; and*
  - (3) A pretest and posttest shall be administered and scored.]
- E. Continuing education courses sponsored by the American Physical Therapy Association are automatically approved by the Board.

**.04 Continuing Education Course Approval**

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Public Representations
  - (1) – (2) (text unchanged)
  - (3) Approved course certificates and advertisements shall contain the following statement: "This course [meets the basic criteria of the] *has been approved by the Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for \_\_\_\_ CEUs.*"
  - (4) (text unchanged)
  - (5) *The sponsor shall submit to the Board for approval any changes in an approved course, such as changes in speaker, content, or length.*
- C. Term of Approval.
  - (1) *The Board shall approve a continuing education course for a period of 4 years.*
  - (2) *At the expiration of the 4-year approval period, the course sponsor may resubmit the course and shall meet the approval requirements of Section A of this regulation.*

**.05 Renewal Requirements.**

A-H (text unchanged)

**.06 Auditing Compliance with Continuing Education Requirements**

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. The Board shall send an audit letter [with the renewal application] to those to be audited **at the close of the renewal period.**
- C. At the time of [renewal] **audit**, the [audited] licensees shall submit
  - (1)-(2) text unchanged
  - [(3) Renewal application; and
  - (4) Renewal fee]
- D. text unchanged

**.07 Reinstatement Requirements**

A-B text unchanged

**.08 Continuing Education Unit Requirements for Physical Therapy [Clinical] Practice.**

- A. Text unchanged
- B. Activities meeting the criteria for continuing education requirements for **practice of physical therapy** [clinical practice] may be classified as follows:
  - (1) – (5) text unchanged
  - (6) Completion of an approved [home] **self-study** course [with post-test] may earn 1 contact hour per interactive hour;
  - (7) Completion of an approved internet course [with post-test] may earn 1 contact hour per interactive hour;
  - (8) text unchanged ? 1.5 CEU in administration
  - (9) Postgraduate academic course work in administration of the practice of physical therapy may earn a maximum of 1.5 CEUs in each 2-year period;
  - (10) Courses in cultural competency related to the practice of physical therapy may earn a maximum of 1.0 CEUs.**
- C-E (text unchanged)
- F. To aid licensees in the selection of appropriate [clinically relevant] Continuing education courses, the Board may review, without charge, a course brochure, outline, or agenda before the licensee attends the course, if the request is submitted at least [2] **one** month[s] before the course date.

## FOREIGN EDUCATED LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

10.38.06

June 19, 2007

**Authority: Health Occupations Article, Sections 13-207, 13-301, 13-302, 13-303**

### **.01 Requirements for Licensure**

#### **A. Application options.**

- (1) An applicant educated in a physical therapy core curriculum outside the United States or its territories shall apply for licensure under one of the categories described in Section A (2-4) of this regulations.
- (2) (a)-(b) text unchanged  
(c ) Evaluation of educational credentials forwarded directly to the Board from an approved agency that provides evidence that the applicant's education is equivalent to that of an accredited core physical therapy program in the United States;  
(d) – (e) text unchanged
- (3) (a)-(b) text unchanged  
(c ) Evaluation of educational credentials forwarded directly to the Board from an approved agency that provides evidence that the applicant's education is equivalent to that of an accredited core physical therapy program in the United States;  
(d) – (h) text unchanged
- (4) (a)-(b) text unchanged  
(c ) Evaluation of educational credentials forwarded directly to the Board from an approved agency that provides evidence that the applicant's education is equivalent to that of an accredited core physical therapy program in the United States;  
(d)-(h) text unchanged

B. In addition to the requirements of Section A of this regulation, an applicant educated in a core physical therapy curriculum outside the United States or its territories shall comply with Section C of this regulation.

C. (1)-(2) text unchanged

### **.02 Reexamination**

(text unchanged)